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1. Vietnam

Hanoi has not responded to today's US strike on the two missile sites other than to claim that it had downed six more American planes for a total of 412 since last August.

Hanoi has not referred to missiles in its coverage of the past few days. It has announced that it captured three US pilots after today's strikes.

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Chinese attempts at verbal deterrence go on. In Hanoi last week the Chinese ambassador repeated earlier threats that at a certain point, which was left undefined, China would intervene but not necessarily in Vietnam. The ambassador pointed out that there were other areas in Asia where China could cause trouble for the US.

2. South Vietnam

The lull in major Viet Cong military activity continues, with no large-scale actions reported in the past 24 hours.

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3. Greece

Today's strike turned into a near fiasco for the leftists. Athanasiadis-Novas won the day by declaring the walk-out illegal and threatening workers in public utilities with prosecution if they stayed away from their jobs. Athens remained normal, but there was some interruption of activity in Piraeus and Salonika.

On the political scene, feverish maneuvering behind the scenes continues in preparation for the meeting of parliament on Thursday evening to consider the government's bid for a vote of confidence. At this point, the outcome is very much in doubt.

4. Dominican Republic

Loyalist military officers appear to be withdrawing their support for Imbert. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] some of these officers will attempt to force him out if he refuses to step aside.

The top military commanders probably believe that Imbert's days are numbered and, therefore, they are beginning to push for immediate installation of a provisional government. They may calculate that this move will help them combat the demands for military reform which will undoubtedly follow the installation of a new regime.

5. Panama

Followers of former president Arnulfo Arias are said to be plotting again with Communist elements against the Robles government.

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6. Congo

On Saturday, a Soviet ship unloaded military supplies and two 50-foot motor boats at Dar-es-Salaam.

These boats could be used on Lake Tanganyika in support of the Congolese rebels. Some sixty Tanzanians were known to have been sent to the USSR last November for naval training.

7. USSR

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